

**WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

HELENA RUTKOWSKI

OCCUPATION: Incumbent

Eight years ago, the voters elected me to the Westminster School District Board to improve how young people in our community learn English. I was also instrumental in significantly changing how children are taught English throughout California. Through this effort, test scores are up and students are learning at a higher level.

Eight years later, a new and more complicated issue is affecting our students California's budget deficit. Where other districts have failed, I have worked hard to keep class size reduction in grades K-3rd. We modernized our schools, creating clean and safe learning environment for students and staff. New educational technology is available in every classroom.

I will work to:

Keep budget cuts away from the classroom by eliminating waste and streamlining administrative costs.

Bring All Day Kindergarten to Westminster families, at no extra cost to the taxpayer.

Support rigorous educational programs.

I have lived in the District for 32 years. My children attended Westminster Schools and my grandchild is currently enrolled.

I am one of the three school board members who declined to adopt California Department of Education's new broader definition of gender, which gave students and adults the right to choose whether they are male or female.